

## WHO MUST TAKE THE ASSESSMENTS

Technical skills assessments are given to **all** students who have:  
Completed a career and technical education (CTE) program **OR**  
are leaving a program and have completed more than half of the program (at least seven segments)

## GENERAL UPDATES

### **2014-2015 TECHNICAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT COORDINATORS WEB BRIEFING** **EVERY MONTH ON TUESDAY FROM 3:00 TO 4:00 P.M.**

**Remaining Assessment Webinars for 2015**—March 10, April 14, May 12, June 16

Following are the required assessments for 2014-15. If there are any updates to these assessments, communication will be emailed.

### **PROGRAMS WITH REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS FOR 2014-15**

- Automotive Repair Technician (47.0604)
- Collision Repair Technician (ASE Certified) (47.0603)
- Maintenance and Light Repair (47.0604)
- Medium/Heavy Truck Technician (ASE Certified) (47.0613)
- Health Science (26.0102, 51.0000, 51.1000, 51.0707)
- Education and Training (13.0000)
- Business, Management and Administration (52.0299)
- Law and Public Safety (43.0100)
- Marketing (52.1999)
- Finance (52.0800)

### **PROGRAMS WITH ELIMINATED ASSESSMENTS FOR 2014-15**

Based on the survey data from teachers, proctors, and students, the decision has been made to eliminate the following assessments until further notice. The field will be informed when appropriate assessments have been identified for these programs.

*Radio and TV Broadcasting Technology (10.0202)*

*Graphics and Printing Technology and Communications (10.0301)*

**For detailed information on 2013-14 Implemented Assessments:**

[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530\\_2629\\_53970---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_2629_53970---,00.html)

## TEST ADMINISTRATION

### Refreshers

#### **Assessment Extraction Dates**

In order to accommodate as many districts with quarter sessions, semesters, and trimesters, the dates of the student demographic data access will be made on the following dates: **March 27, 2015** **April 15, 2015**

#### **Deadline for Assessment Testing**

All assessment testing should be completed by **May 15, 2015**, for state reporting purposes. If an extension is needed, please contact Joe Polasek ([polasekj3@michigan.gov](mailto:polasekj3@michigan.gov)) so that the exception can be noted.

#### **Assessment Analysis Reports**

These reports, showing Pass/Fail rates for all program tests administered within a given CEPD, are available through CTEIS.com to CEPD Administrators or Level 5/Fiscal Agents. While the report is not available to all users, it may be downloaded and shared with other staff at the discretion of a CEPD Admin or Level 5/Fiscal Agent. Please note that student names will be listed on the report.

#### **Student UIC Corrections**

As stated in the December Newsletter, the UIC correction window for the 2014-2015 school year is set for late August, 2015, with the exact date still TBA at this time. OCTE asks that a staff member with access and the ability to make adjustments be available to make changes, as needed, to student UIC data during that time period. Please be aware and plan accordingly.

### New for Review

#### **Bundled Pricing on National Health Science Assessment (Pre-Test and Post-Test)**

Precision Exams is offering a 50% savings on the National Health Science Assessment pre-test when purchased as a bundle with the end-of-year exam. The deadline for ordering is February 28th, 2015. Contact Jenny Slater at [jslater@precisionexams.com](mailto:jslater@precisionexams.com) for more information.

#### **Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) Update**

As a reminder, students who are registering for the PRE must select "Michigan CTE Education Program (97)" from the drop-down list of institutions when registering for the assessment.

#### **Update on WorkKeys® as and an alternative to the PRE**

OCTE is very close to finalizing our procedure for using WorkKeys® as an alternative to the PRE. When the process has been finalized, OCTE will forward that information and post it to the OCTE Assessments website. Expect to receive an update from OCTE shortly, perhaps as early as next week. Stay tuned!

#### **IT Assessment Development is Progressing**

OCTE is continuing to work on developing an assessment for the Information Technology Career Cluster through a partnership with NOCTI. If all goes as planned, assessments for CIP codes 11.0901 and 11.1001 (Computer Systems Networking and Computer Systems Administration) will be piloted in May, 2015. Further updates will be given as they become available.

## OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ Teachers who teach the content related to the assessment **should not** be administering the assessment to their students.
- ♦ None of the secondary CTE assessments currently identified in Michigan for federal reporting of CTE program effectiveness have been validated for measuring growth and should not be used as the sole element in educator evaluations at this point. Please see the following link for full policy statement: [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-2629\\_53970---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-2629_53970---,00.html).